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As someone who has worked in the software development industry for over 20 years, I feel  
I have a strong opinion about the Microsoft settlement issue.

My biggest concern is living in a world that continues to allow Microsoft Corporation to  
continue to monopolize the software industry and crush competition. This is wrong both  
from a legal perspective and a moral perspective.

Microsoft has demonstrated a desire and willingness to crush any other company and they  
have the capacity to do just that. This needs to be kept in mind and addressed in any  
agreed settlement.

For example, allowing Microsoft to donate their products to disadvantaged schools is a farse.  
All this will do is further extend their monopoly. Redhat's proposed ideas need serious  
consideration, however I'm not sure how this compensates companies who have been crushed and  
ruined by Microsofts anti-competitive practices.

Please keep this issues in mind when considering the Microsoft settlement.

Thanks for listening.

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